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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2005.

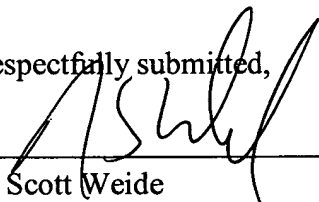
Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting that copies of two of the foreign references cited in Applicant's IDS were missing from the files. In that the references were previously cited by the Examiner(s) of the parent applications hereto, Applicant assumed that copies were in the files. Nonetheless, Applicant has submitted another IDS along with copies of these references for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant notes that Claim 1 originally filed in this application was the same as Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,648,103 (to which this application claims priority), for the reason that the present application was filed as a continuation application of that parent, and Claim 1 was retained from the parent in order to ensure at least one claim was contained in this application when filed. Applicant thus notes that Claim 1 was previously reviewed and allowed in the parent case (now USPN 6,648,103) over the very same art presently cited by the Examiner. For this reason, Applicant asserts that Claim 1 as presented herein is allowable over the prior art. However, in that the doctrine of statutory double-patenting prevents Applicant from patenting the exact same claim twice, Applicant has canceled Claim 1 herein and has presented new claims for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant apologizes that the relationship of Claim 1 to the parent was not brought to the attention of the Examiner and regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Applicant has presented new Claims 2-13 directed to a system including the cart securing structure which was previously found patentable in parent USPN 6,648,103 and which is additionally believed to be patentable for the reason that the prior art does not teach or suggest a system including a base station and a plurality of such cart securing structures each including a display, where information may be transmitted from the base station to the structures for displaying information.

Applicant asserts that these new claims are in a condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice as to the same. If any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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